

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
AT CHATTANOOGA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	)	
	)	Case No. 1:24-cr-00082
v.	)	
	)	Dist. Judge Travis R. McDonough
JAMES C. THOMPSON	)	
	)	Mag. Judge Christopher H. Steger

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**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

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Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b), the undersigned United States Magistrate Judge conducted a plea hearing in this case on September 6, 2024. At the hearing, Defendant entered a plea of guilty to Counts One, Two, Three, and Four of the four count Information. On the basis of the record made at the hearing, the Court finds that Defendant is fully competent and capable of entering an informed plea; the plea is made knowingly and with full understanding of each of the rights waived by Defendant; it is made voluntarily and free from any force, threats, or promises; Defendant understands the nature of the charges and penalties provided by law; and the plea has a sufficient basis in fact. Acceptance of the plea, adjudication of guilt, acceptance of the Plea Agreement, and imposition of sentence are specifically reserved for the District Judge.

I therefore recommend that the Court: (1) accept Defendant's guilty plea to Counts One, Two, Three, and Four of the four count Information; (2) adjudicate Defendant guilty of Counts One, Two, Three, and Four of the four count Information, each of which counts charges Defendant with a separate instance of transportation of a minor in interstate commerce with the intent to engage in sexual activity for which any person can be charged with a criminal offense in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2423(a); and (3) order that Defendant remain in custody pending sentencing or further order of this Court.

The Defendant's sentencing hearing is scheduled before the Honorable United States District Judge Travis R. McDonough on **January 10, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.**

**ENTER.**

/s/Christopher H. Steger  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

NOTICE TO PARTIES

You have the right to *de novo* review by the district judge of the foregoing findings. Any application for review must be in writing; must specify the portions of the findings or proceedings objected to; and must be filed and served no later than fourteen (14) days after the plea hearing. Failure to file objections within fourteen days constitutes a waiver of any further right to challenge the plea of guilty in this matter. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b).